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SUBJECT: INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS: A VERY SMALL HOPEFUL SIGN

1. FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, INCLUDING THE PARTICIPANTS, WE ARE GETTING INDICATIONS THAT ALDIKACTI AND DEKLERIS HAVE MADE MEANINGFUL PROGRESS IN THE ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE THE DEEPLY CONFLICTING CLERIDES AND DENKTASH PAPERS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT. IN VIEW OF THE INFREQUENCY OF FULL MEETINGS, THEY APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING WITHOUT BEING REINED IN BY THE PRINCIPALS, AND IN FULL AWARENESS THAT WHAT THEY ARE DOING MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM.

2. CERTAIN AGREEMENTS APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN REACHED ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS, THOUGH QUESTIONS OF POLICE AND ARMY REMAIN DEEP STUMBLING BLOCKS. MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM, OF COURSE, REMAINS QUESTION OF CONTROL OVER LOCAL GOVERNMENT, BUT EVEN ON THIS THE TWO EXPERTS HAVE BEEN DOING WORK WHICH (ACCORDING TO UK HICOMM SOURCE) ALDIKACTI SAYS COULD LEAD TO A CONSTITUTIONALLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULA, EVEN THOUGH HE PROFESSES DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD BE "POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE."

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3. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS EXERCISE COULD BE MOST

SALUTARY. EVEN IF CLERIDES AND DENKTASH CANNOT ACCEPT SOME FORTHCOMING PROPOSEALS FROM THE EXPERTS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PUT INTO THE RECORD THAT THE GREEK AND TURKISH EXPERTS HAVE EVOLVED SOME COMPROMISE FORMULAE.

4. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT EMBASSIES ATHENS AND ANKARA TO THIS HOPEFUL NEW PHENOMENON. WE ASSUME THAT THE EXPERTS MUST BE GETTING SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM ATHENS AND ANKARA TO PROCEED SO INDEPENDENTLY, AND WE HOPE THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS CAN BE QUIETLY ENCOURAGED IN THIS DIRECTION. WE NOTE THAT THE EXPERTS, PLUS BOTH AMBASSADORS, ARE REMAINING IN THEIR CAPITALS LONGER THAN INITIALLY ANTICIPATED, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SERIOUS THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO FORMULAE WHICH THE TWO METROPOLITAN COUNTRIES WILL FIND ACCEPTABLE.

5. TURKISH CHARGE UNDERSTANDS THERE HAS BEEN SOME COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ANKARA AND ATHENS, BUT IS NOT SURE IT WENT BEYOND ATTEMPT TO QUIET DOWN THE GREEK REACTION TO TURKISH PROPOSAL ON FEDERALISM.
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